

“FAITH FAITHFUL AND FAITHFULNESS”

John 15:1-2 (CSBBible) “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² Every branch in me that does not produce fruit he removes, and he prunes every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce more fruit.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, **Faith /faithfulness**, gentleness, self-control.

the fruit of the Spirit is...

The Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness

FAITH: Is a Gift Rom. 12:3

FAITHFUL: Is Your Act and Responsibility

AND FAITHFULNESS: Is a lifestyle Consistency



- a. God’s Faithfulness towards Us
- b. Jesus Faithfulness Towards God
- c. What is it to be Faithful and walk in Faithfulness
- d. People that moved from Faith, to Faithful, to Faithfulness

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Hebrews 11:1-3 ¹ Now **faith is the substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For **by it the elders obtained a good testimony.** ³ By **faith we understand** that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Romans 1:17 ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of **God is revealed from faith to faith;** as it is written, **"The just shall live by faith."**

Galatians 5:22-23 ²² **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, Faith / faithfulness,** ²³ gentleness, self-control. **Against such there is no law.**

2 Corinthians 5:7 ⁷ (for we **walk by faith,** not by sight);

Hebrews 4:2 ² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith** in those who heard it.

Hebrews 11:6 ⁶ But **without faith it is impossible** to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

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Oh how good it is to have such a Faithful God, it is so very good to know that our God shows us Faithfulness in all that He has promised us. How Good it is to know our God is committed to the promises He has made to us, to His Covenant He has given us. His devotion and attachment to His people, His Children.

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GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TOWARDS US:

Thy **faithfulness is unto all generations**: thou hast established the earth, and it abides. **Psalms 119:90 (KJV)**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: **in thy faithfulness answer me**, and in thy righteousness. **Psalms 143:1 (KJV)**

*It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: **great is thy faithfulness**. **Lamentations 3:22-23 (KJV)***

JESUS IS FAITHFUL

Now as we look at the life of Jesus what can we say except Like Father Like Son for He was and is also faithful

Hebrews 2:17 (NKJV) Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and **faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God**, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 3:1-2 (NKJV) Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, **Christ Jesus, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him**, as **Moses also was faithful in all His house**.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But **the Lord is faithful**, who shall establish you, and guard you from the evil *one*.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 He who calls you **is faithful**, who also will do *it*.

- So why am I speaking to you about Faithfulness is because in teaching Faith it would do the teaching of Faith an injustice and unfairness to **not teach** on what it means to be Faithful and the need for faithfulness. As we know God to be we speak of the faithfulness of God we even sing about His faithfulness.
- But in many cases we are unfaithful to our commitments and duties to God and to the house of God. So I believe that God is calling each of us to check ourselves in this area. If we can remind God in the mist of our prayers, in our singing, in our times of trouble about His Faithfulness to His Promises and His Covenant.

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- Then we should also be reminded about our faithfulness to our assignments and purpose. The Word of God is also for correction and rebuke and today I feel that we need that correction and that rebuke from the Lord through His Word.

Proverbs 13:1 (AMP) A WISE son heeds [and is the fruit of] his father's *instruction and correction*, but a scoffer listens not to rebuke.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV) All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for *doctrine*, for *reproof*, for *correction*, for *instruction* in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- As we seen that Jesus was and still is Faithful to the will of God. Jesus came here with a purpose to fulfill the will of God for His life. Jesus was faithful and understood there was a reason and a purpose for His Existence into this world. He came to SAVE the LOST

Matthew 18:11 *For the Son of man came to save that which was lost.*

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man came to *seek and to save* that which was lost.

1 Timothy 1:15 Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners*; of whom I am chief:

Each one of us here also have a purpose a reason for which we exist, and we also have a job to do in our families in this community and in the church you belong too.

IT REQUIRES FAITHFULNESS

When we say Faithful or Faithfulness it is a word that rings out. We may have had relationships where people were not faithful. In marriages we all look for a faithful partner, we even look for that in a relationship. On our jobs we look for faithfulness in our workplace.

Faithfulness means you have an accountability and a responsibility to your partner and to those you work with.

Marriages need love but it is not love that keeps people together. It is Faithfulness to one another.

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The promise (Vows) that is are made to one another, is that you promise to be together through the good and the bad times.

WHAT DOES FAITHFULNESS LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

Having the don't give up attitude

Keep going even in hard times

Keeping your word even when it is hard to do

Being Consistent

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GOD HAS CHOSEN TO PARTNER WITH US

1 Corinthians 3:9a for we are co-workers in God's service.

2 Corinthians 6:1a As God's co-workers.

GOD HAS CHOSEN TO BE FAITHFUL TO US

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, **the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,**

Psalms 89:8 O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, **with your faithfulness all around you?**

Psalms 119:90 **Your faithfulness endures to all generations;** you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Lamentations 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; **great is your faithfulness.**

1 Corinthians 1:9 **God is faithful,** by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. **God is faithful,** and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for **he who promised is faithful.**

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But **the Lord is faithful**. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.

GOD IS FAITHFUL EVEN WHEN WE ARE NOT

Romans 3:3 What if some were **unfaithful**? Does **their faithlessness** nullify (invalidate) the faithfulness of God? (**GOD WILL ALWAYS REMAIN FAITHFUL**) Can He Trust You To Do The Same?

THE WORD UNFAITHFUL HAS 4 MEANINGS AND WE WANT TO COMPARE THIS TO OUR WALK WITH GOD.

1. Not true to duty or obligation or promises.

Many of us fail to live up to our duty as believers. There are those who know they should be reading the Word of God during the week but do not. They have time to watch the television but cannot be faithful in their obligation and promises they made to God.

I have seen so many people come into this church needing God's help in their marriages, in their health, with their children, in their finances and so much more. God answers their prayers. While they were in a bad place they were in church faithfully then as times goes on they forget about the promises they made to God, what promises they made to God during their difficult and problematic times.

Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV2011) And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

2. Having sexual relations with someone other than your husband or wife, or your boyfriend or girlfriend. Being Intimate with someone else other than the one you have promised yourself too.

They lose their faithfulness when they are attracted to something else. They lose their excitement; it is no longer an adventure. They let go of what they have reaching for something else. That they believe will excite them.

People walk away from the church where they have been growing and being feed because they meet a man or a woman. They exchange their faithfulness to God for a person that they think can fill a space in their life. They exchange Intimacy with God the Creator for the Created thing.

Again, this happens with a job or a career where they exchange their time with God for chasing and pursuing their dreams. At one time God was first place in their lives. But now they are looking to make connection, to get hooked up, better opportunities. When all the time they had the best connection, the best hook up, and Divine opportunities with God. They are now Intimate with other things.

1 Corinthians 6:16-17 (NKJV) Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For "*the two*," He says, "*shall become one flesh.*"¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

3. Having the character and characteristic of, a traitor

A traitor is that person who betrays one when their loyalty is needed the most. When a "friend" stays silent in a time of need, he or she is a traitor. There are many kinds of traitors, but the worst kind of traitor is the one whose turns their back on God and His word. More concerned with fulfilling their own selfish needs and desires. The saddest thing about betrayal is that it never comes from your enemies."

Psalm 41:9 Even **my closest friend whom I trusted, the one who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.**

Psalm 55:12-14 For it is not an enemy who insults me— I could have handled that— nor is it someone who hates me and who now arises against me— I could have hidden myself from him— but it is you— **a man whom I treated as my equal— my personal confidant, my close friend! We had good fellowship together; and we even walked together in the house of God!**

4. Not trustworthy

Here we find those that are undependable people who make promises and commitments, but do not follow through. Undependable many mean well but they have not grown in faithfulness. The word of God tells us not to make a vow we are not going to keep.

Ecclesiastes 5:4-6 (NIV2011) **When you make a vow (promise) to God, do not delay to fulfill it.** He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow.⁵ It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it.⁶ Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the temple messenger, "My vow was a mistake." Why should God be angry at what you say and destroy the work of your hands?

We need to be Faithful people moving in Faithfulness. If we are speaking of our God as being a God of Faith, a God that is Faithful, A God that shows us Faithfulness. What makes us think that we do not have an accountability to walk in Faith, to be Faithful, and to operate in Faithfulness. Every one of us here want to hear “*Well done, good and faithful servant.*”

GOD IS LOOKING FOR AND WANTING FAITHFUL PEOPLE

2 Chronicles 16:9 – “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.”

God is looking for people whose heart is fully His and are loyal to Him. If we are faithful to God, He will show Himself strong toward us in all we do. Let’s search our hearts and make sure it is loyal and faithful to God.

Psalms 12:1 – “Help, Lord, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.”

What an indictment against our day. God is looking for faithful men and women. I hear pastors saying this all over the world, “Help, Lord, the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.” The body of Christ is in desperate need of faithful men and women. Will you commit to being one of them?

Proverbs 20:6 – “Many a man proclaims his own loyalty, But who can find a trustworthy (faithful) man?”

This is similar to Psalms 12:1 except this verse says, “Many a man proclaims his own loyalty.” Lots of people proclaim their own faithfulness, but real faithfulness is hard to find. I’ve experienced this over and over when planting a new church. Someone would come to me and say, “Everyone else may leave, but I’m behind you, pastor.” The very next week, they would be walking out the door. James 5:12 says, “Many a man proclaims his own loyalty” but are they really faithful? Words are cheap!

Proverbs 20:6 Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find?

Luke 16:11 “If you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?”

In this verse, “mammon” is referring to money or finances. Are we faithful with our finances (tithe)? The Bible makes it clear we will suffer financially if we are

not faithful with our tithes (Malachi 3:8-10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-10). But, when we are faithful with our tithes and offerings, we have the promise we will experience increase not only financially, but in more ways than we can imagine (Proverbs 3:9-10, Proverbs 28:20).

GOD REWARDS THE FAITHFUL

1 Samuel 26:23 – “May the Lord repay every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the Lord delivered you into my hand today, but I would not stretch out my hand against the Lord’s anointed.”

Saul, the King of Israel, had been trying to kill David. When David had the opportunity to kill Saul, he chose not to because Saul was God’s anointed. David said God would “repay every man for his faithfulness.” Are we faithful like David?

Proverbs 28:20 – “A faithful man will abound with blessings.”

Abound is defined as, “To occur or exist in great quantities or numbers; to be rich or well supplied; to be filled.” When we are faithful, we will be rich, well supplied, and filled with God’s blessings in more ways than we can imagine. What an incentive to be faithful!

Matthew 25:21 – “His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.”

This is an excellent verse about our reward (position) in heaven. Contrary to what many believe, not everyone will have the same position in heaven. We will be rewarded according to our faithfulness here on earth. We are saved by grace and grace alone, apart from anything we do (Ephesians 2:8-9), but position and reward is earned. This all will be determined at the judgment (bema) seat of Christ (1 Corinthians 3:10-4:2, 2 Corinthians 5:10-11, Romans 14:10-12). This is a judgment for believers only. Will we be found faithful?

Luke 16:10 – “He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.”

If we are faithful in the little things (business, ministry, possessions, etc.), we prove to God we can be trusted with greater things. When we are faithful with what has already been given to us, we are given more (time, talent, treasure, responsibility), because we have shown we can be trusted with it. If we are

untrustworthy with that which is least, we show we cannot be trusted with more. In fact, we are in danger of losing what we have. "For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away" (Matthew 25:29).

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1. Believing Firmly In Something Or Somebody
2. Consistently Trustworthy And Loyal, Especially To A Person, Promise, Or Duty

Faithfulness is: Loyalty a feeling of duty

1. People Who Are Committed To Something Or Somebody,
2. A Feeling Of Devotion, Duty, Or Attachment To Somebody Or Something

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PART II of FAITH, FAITHFUL & FAITHFULNESS

Romans 1:17 (ISV) For in it (*THE WORD OF FAITH*) God's righteousness is being revealed *from faith to faith*, as it is written, "The just will live by faith."

“REFINING IT” THE FAITH

Introduction: *To refine something means to remove impurities, and these impurities can come in the form of predetermine ideals we may have or have obtained from others. Because we have an ideal of the way something is suppose to be does not mean that is the way it is.*

Many people in the church want to learn more about faith just in the hope of having more things. Faith is not some type of magic wand that you just wave around to get what you want. Or to just use to get out of a mess that you created. If we are speaking of our God as being a God of Faith, a God that is Faithful, A God that shows us

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God is looking for His people and His children that are **CALLED and CHOSEN AND FAITHFUL**

Revelation 17:14 (ASV) These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; *and they also shall overcome that are with him,* **CALLED AND CHOSEN AND FAITHFUL.**

READ Daniel 3:1-30 (NKJV)

An image had been set up of the King, and everyone was to bow down to that image and that image had been made in the likeness of the King. There are also images that can be set up in your life they can be either good or bad images. I am talking about images that have been created in your mind by the enemy. Images of:

- Failure: The lack of Success
- Sickness: an unsound or corrupt condition
- Poverty: The state of not having enough
- Divorce: The end of a marriage
- Low Self Esteem: Being below others

An Image had also been given to Jesus Matthew 4:8-10 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and **showed Him** all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, '*You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.*' "

Images are brought into the mind and a picture is painted for you to except or reject we have the choice. The is why the Word of God tells us we are to cast down Images and any ideals that are formed in the mind that will attempt to rise up against the knowledge you have of God.

2 Corinthians 10:5-6 (ASV)

⁵ **casting down imaginations,** and **every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God,**

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and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ;
⁶ and being in readiness to avenge all disobedience, when your obedience shall be made full.

These three men were now placed in a situation that their lives were going to be at risk, so it seemed if they did not bow to the created image. If they just surrendered their faith in God and accepted the Image constructed life would be easy.

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What are the images in your life that has been constructed for you? What are situations and people attempting to make you conform and bow down too?

These men were having their Faith tested, Their Faithfulness tried, the question for them at this time is the same as it is for you today. Will you remain Faithful in the midst of whatever you are faced with?

These men had Hope in God ¹⁶ *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up." **Daniel 3:16-18***

Their HOPE, their EXPECTATION, their TRUST, Their FAITH was in God

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

They had to move in Faith and Faithfulness towards God and what they believed and expected as true they stood on and would not have their confidence shaken. Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that **after** you have **done the will of God**, you may receive the promise: **Hebrews 10:35-36**

What promise did they receive as a reward for standing firm in their confidence

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THE EYES ARE ON THE FAITHFUL Psalms 101:6 (ASV)

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Things can even get hotter because of your Faith:

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Daniel 3:19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that **they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.**

Sometimes it seems to get worse and not better, that is when you must see the Image that God wants you to see, that is when you must see with your eyes of Faith **2 Corinthians 5:7** for we walk by faith, not by sight;

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Isaiah 43:1-3 But now, thus says the Lord, **who created you**, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have **called you by your name**; **You are Mine.**
² When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. ³ For I *am* the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

- ✓ **God Created You:** Only he can create this way
- ✓ **God Formed You:** He fashioned you with His hands
- ✓ **God Called you:** Knows you by name personally
- ✓ **You are His:** Shows ownership he redeemed us
- ✓ **I will be with you:** His Protection
- ✓ **He is our Savior:** Our Redeemer: Our Rescuer: Our Knight in shining armor: Our Liberator

A blind man has to walk by faith, but they normally have a cane or a seeing eye dog which guides them. They make their steps by the leading of the Cane or the dog. In our case it is the Word of God that leads us. The blind person lives their life on the dependence of the dog or the Cane. We live our lives by faith

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for **it is the power of God** unto **salvation** to every one that **believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is revealed a righteousness of God from faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith.

Walking in Faithfulness towards God and remaining Faith to God in any and all situations and circumstances

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE FAITHFUL?

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Because of these men having Faith, Faithfulness, and remaining Faithful to God we can see that God was also Faithful, and moved in Faithfulness to His people.

Daniel 3:25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

PART III HOW DO WE SHOW WE ARE FAITHFUL, AND MOVE IN FAITHFULNESS

We have a work to do in this church, and church is not this building it is the people in the building. When God returns to get His Church not one building is going. The work we have been called to is beyond these walls. It is in the streets reaching the hurting and the lost in this city.

1. Prayer meetings
2. Daily Church Services (Afternoon & Evenings)
3. Ministry Training Center for those that have a call to minister
4. Children Programs
5. Senior Programs
6. Food Programs
7. Clothing Programs
8. Job Placement Programs
9. Prison and Jail Ministry
10. Men and Women's Ministry
11. Supermarket Parking Lot Witnessing
12. Going Door to Door praying for people
13. Getting to know the business owners in the area
14. Witnessing at the schools in this area
15. Visiting the sick and shut in

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This work that is to be done is to be done through FAITHFUL people, and how you show your Faithfulness is done through:

- ✓ Giving of your time
- ✓ Giving of your finances
- ✓ Putting the work of God first in your life

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People are dying and going to hell, all around us and we have been placed in an area that we can make a difference. Some of these people may be your family and friends. The Word of God is to be given to Faithful people **2 Timothy 2:2** And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to **faithful men**, who shall be able to teach others also.

You can't have true Faith and not be Faithful and show Faithfulness. When we make promises, and pledges we give our word to do a certain thing and by not following through on what you have promised to do That person is a liar!!

- That person is a fake
- That person is a fraud
- That person is a pretender
- That person is a hypocrite
- That person is unfaithful!!

Many people do these things because they want others to think of them as a devoted person, a person that is showing love and commitment and loyalty. But the only thing they are doing is making empty promises **Matthew 15:8** speaks about people like this "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

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REACHING THOSE WHO ARE NOT ATTENDING CHURCH SOMEWHERE

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Hebrews 10:19-25 (NKJV) Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in **full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us **hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering**, for He who promised is **FAITHFUL**. ²⁴ And let us *consider* one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but exhorting (*urging, encouraging*) one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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“So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.” Galatians 3:9 (NKJV)

CONCLUSION ARE YOU ONE OF THE FAITHFUL, ARE YOU READY TO GO? DO YOU WANT TO DO THE WILL OF GOD!!!!

1 Timothy 3:11 (ASV)

¹¹ **Women** in like manner *must be* grave, not slanderers, temperate, **faithful in all things**.

2 Timothy 2:11-13 (ASV)

¹¹ Faithful is the saying: For if we died with him, we shall also live with him:

¹² if we endure, we shall also reign with him: if we shall deny him, he also will deny us:

¹³ if we are faithless, he abideth faithful; for he cannot deny himself.

Ephesians 1:1 (ASV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the saints that are at Ephesus, and the **faithful in Christ Jesus**:

Colossians 1:1 (ASV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² **To the saints and faithful brethren** in Christ *that are* at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

1 Corinthians 1:9 (ASV)

⁹ **God is faithful**, through whom ye were called into the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NKJV)

² Moreover it is required in stewards that one **be found faithful**.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (ASV)

¹³ There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but **God is faithful**, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it.

2 Corinthians 1:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ But *as* **God is faithful**, our word to you was not Yes and No.

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Deuteronomy 7:9 (NKJV)

⁹ Therefore know that the Lord your God, **He is God, the faithful God** who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

1 Samuel 2:35 (ASV)

³⁵ And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in my heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.

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Psalms 119:86 (ASV)

⁸⁶ All thy commandments are faithful: They persecute me wrongfully; Help thou me.

Proverbs 28:20 (ASV)

²⁰ **A faithful man shall abound with blessings;** But he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be unpunished.